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ARREST MADE IN BALBOA PARK SEXUAL ASSAULT FROM MAY 2008

(San Diego) On May 22, 2008, at about 4:00 p.m., San Diego Police Department received a call concerning a woman who was sexually assaulted while jogging on the bridal trial in Balboa Park (http://www.sandiego.gov/police/about/media/pdf/2008/balboapark220.pdf). Sex Crimes detectives responded to the scene and conducted an extensive investigation that involved the collection of evidence, extensive interviews and the analysis of numerous tips that were called in to San Diego County Crime Stoppers.

On July 16, 2009, the San Diego Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit received information from the California Department of Justice that a suspect's DNA matched evidence taken from the Balboa Park sexual assault. The suspect is identified as 28-year-old Jason Eric Huggins. Huggins is currently in custody at the George Bailey Detention Facility on an unrelated charge. He was arrested for the Balboa Park sexual assault case. The district attorney will file numerous charges against Huggins in this case.

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